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For: MAGNETORESISTIVE FILM HAVING NON-MAGNETIC SPACER LAYER OF REDUCED THICKNESS

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- (X) Claim for Priority and Priority Document
- ( ) PCT Request (Courtesy copy)

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a) Basic Fee						\$ 710.00
b) Independent Claims	<u>3</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x \$ 80.00 = \$ <u>0</u>
c) Total Claims	<u>13</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x \$ 18.00 = \$ <u>0</u>
d) Fee for Multiple Claims						\$270.00 = \$ <u>    </u>
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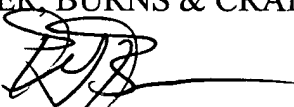
Applicant claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis  
of the foreign application identified below:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-334557, filed November 1, 2000.

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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